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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND THE PLO

REF: BRUSSELS 9827

1. WE CARRIED OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS DECEMBER 16 DURING CALL ON NOEL DORR, FONOFF ASSIST SEC FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (AND IRISH "POLITICAL DIRECTOR"). HE DID NOT RPT NO SAY WHETHER HE HAD HEARD FRENCH ALLEGATIONS OF US AND ISRAELI CONTACTS WITH PLO. HE DID COMMENT THAT SOME EC MEMBERS SUPPOSE US WILL BE MAKING CONTACT WITH PLO IN FUTURE AND THAT "ISRAELIS SHOULD ALSO TALK TO THEM."

2. DORR ALSO OFFERED COMMENT THAT IRELAND IS KEEPING ITS OWN POSITION OPEN ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, SINCE IRELAND'S MAIN DESIRE IS TO KEEP EC TOGETHER DURING IRISH PRESIDENCY. IN STUDYING PLO QUESTION, DORR SAID THAT GOI HAD LOOKED AT TWO PROBLEMS: FIRST
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PLO PARTICIPATION MIGHT BE SINE QUA NON FOR ARAB SIDE IN DIALOGUE.

ON OTHER HAD, PARTICIPATION OF PLO MIGHT GIVE IT NEW STATUS AND
CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US AND ISRAEL. DORR REPEATED THAT IRELAND
HAS NOT TAKEN A "DEFINITIVE" POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: IRISH APPEAR TO US TO BE LEANING TOWARD PLO
PARTICIPATION. AS EC PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, THEY SEEM WILLING
TO ASSUME A NEUTRAL POSTURE, HOPING ABOVE ALL TO LEAD THE
COMMUNITY THROUGH A DIFFICULT POSITION WITHOUT DISCORD.
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